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## A COFFEE DISEASE

Mr. Marsden Sounds a  
Warning to Planters.

Vegetable Fungus In Guatemala.  
Action of Pest - Refrain From  
Importing, Says the Expert.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR.

Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry.  
Honolulu, March 22, 1898.

EDITOR ADVERTISER. Sir:—I would respectfully call the attention of the coffee planters to a fungus disease that is seriously affecting the coffee plantations in Guatemala, the following account of this disease has been sent to this bureau from Washington: It is a vegetable fungus which is destroying the coffee culture of Guatemala, so that the whole industry in that country is to be given up, unless a remedy is found.

So far no antidote has been found for this fungus, nor any means by which it can be kept in check, it not only attacks coffee trees but other plants as well.

It is first seen as a little brown spot, about the size of a pea, on the leaf, there may be a number of such spots on a single leaf, in the center of each spot is a little orange red growth, about the size of a dot, which under the microscope looks like a little ball on a stem.

The action of this fungus on the coffee tree is to cause the leaves to shrivel up and fall off, so that the tree is entirely denuded of its foliage, the growing berries also dry up and fall off.

This fungus clings to seed coffee and may be transported to other countries receiving such seed.

It would be a wise plan for our coffee planters to refrain from importing seed coffee from any foreign country and any seed coffee for which orders have previously been sent, should be disinfected as soon as possible after being landed on the wharf, this can best be done by immersing the bags containing the coffee in strong lime water, made by putting a large bucket of unslacked lime into 50 gallons of water, after the lime is slacked it should be well stirred up and the bags of coffee should be immersed in the mixture for at least 10 minutes. This method will effectually destroy any fungus spores that may be adhering to the bags or seed.

There seems to have been a great and general desire on the part of the coffee planters to obtain coffee seed from Guatemala and other countries.

There is no doubt but that the trees grown from Guatemala seed have borne crops much earlier than trees grown from Hawaiian seed, but it is by no means certain that the superiority of the Guatemala trees is maintained as the trees become older, as a general rule, trees that bear at an early age, soon lose their vigor and are short lived. We would like to hear from Mr. J. M. Horner on this subject. He was perhaps the first planter to grow the Guatemala trees.

J. MARSDEN,

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry.

### Exclusive Use.

At the newly opened Criterion Barber Shop numbered shaving cups will be found which can be rented for a nominal sum, and thus insures the patron of having exclusive use of the cup.

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- 1st Race—PACIFIC CYCLE AND MANUFACTURING CO.'S PURSE, \$25.00. One mile dash for professionals, to beat 2:25, or no race.
- 2d Race—CALIFORNIA FEED CO.'S PURSE, \$50.00. 3/4 running race for Hawaiian Bred Horses.
- 3d Race—CLUB STABLES' PURSE, \$75.00. 3:00 Class. Mile heats, 2 in 3. For trotters and pacers.
- 4th Race—SEATTLE BREWING CO.'S PURSE, \$50.00. Half mile dash. Free for all.
- 5th Race—HAWAIIAN BICYCLE CO.'S PURSE, \$15.00. Mile dash for amateurs, to beat 2:35, or no race.
- 6th Race—UNION FEED CO.'S PURSE, \$50.00. 3/4 mile dash. Free for all.
- 7th Race—ENTERPRISE BREWING CO.'S PURSE, \$100.00. Free for all trotting and pacing. Mile heats, 3 in 5.
- 8th Race—FASHION STABLES CO.'S PURSE, \$100.00. Running race. Mile dash. Free for all.
- 9th Race—MANUFACTURING HARNES CO.'S PURSE, \$25.00. Gentlemen's driving race for road horses, to be driven by the owners.
- 10th Race—CITY SHOEHOP PURSE, \$75.00. 2:30 class for trotters and pacers. Mile heats, 2 in 3.

An entrance fee of 10 per cent. of the purse given will be charged on all races.

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